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ANNIVERSARY PUJA
TO ALL THE
COMMUNITY MEMBERS
AND DEVOTEES



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Nepali Mela is round the corner, and Nepali American Center (NAC) would like to request community members to sign up for various volunteering positions to help out with the planning of our upcoming event. Be part of organizing team and come and demonstrate your hidden leadership skills. Last year during mela, we were able to entertain our guests and participants with various attractions like, authentic nepali food, nepali ping, talent show, live music, art showcase, resume workshop, medical booth camp and DJ. We received many kudos and positive feedback and suggestions from our audience and everyone (including our young kids) had fun at the mela. And let

me remind you, all of this was made possible by the enthusiastic and energetic participation of our community members which numbered to roughly 50 volunteers and more than 300 guests, and by the generous financial support from the Mela Sponsors – Non Resident Nepali Association (NRN), Association of Nepalese in Midwest America (ANMA), American Society of Nepalese Engineers (ASNEng), Adamjee Insurance, Cumin, Himalayan Restaurant and Bar, Key Performance Idea, Macy's, Mount Everest Restaurant and Travel House Nepal. We hope to make this year's event even better and more organized than last year, and we need your help.

Please come forward, to help us, help yourself be successful, as this event is not about me or NAC, but it is about you and it is for you. On a high level, we are looking to fill up the following volunteering opportunities : Event Manager, Sales and Marketing Lead, Entertainment Lead, A&V Lead, Web Designer, Social Media Coordinator, Sports Lead, Safety Lead, Food and Beverage Lead etc. If there are any areas that you would like to volunteer, or if you have any suggestions or feedbacks on how we can improve, please contact us at info@nepaliamericancenter.org

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सन्त

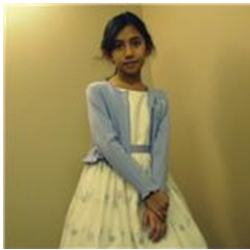
सांसारिक अबिरल यात्राले हामीलाई यस्को उपादेयता माथि चिन्तन गर्न वाध्य बनाएको छ । हामी यो यात्रालाई कति सम्म उपलब्धि मूलक बनाउदैछौं भन्ने कुरा नितान्त ब्यक्तिगत भए पनि समग्रमा यात्राको चरम बिन्दुलाई स्पर्स गरी एउटा अद्भूत आनन्दको अनुभुति गराउन कसैको सहारा चाहिदो रहेछ । जसले त्यसलाई देखेको छ, सुनेको छ, अनुभुति गरेको छ, त्याहा पुगेको छ, अनि समाजलाई त्यस्को अनुभुति गराउन समर्थ छ, त्यहि जानकार ब्यक्तिका चरणकमलका रजहरुले अभिषेक नगरिकन आत्म –ज्योतीको उद्घाटन नहुँदो रहेछ । यज्ञ, जप, तप, पुजा-पाठ, दान, धर्म आदी साधनहरूले

जिवात्माको चित्त शुद्ध गरेर परमात्माको दर्शनको लागि योग्य पात्र बनाउँछन् । तर परमात्माको दिव्य दर्शन सन्त कृपा बिना संभव छैन भनेर भिमद्भागवतमा जङ्गल भरतले रहु गणलाई बताउनु भएको छ । रहुगणैतत्तपसा न याति न चेज्यया निर्वपणाद् गुहाऽऽ । न च्छन्दसा नैव जलाग्निसूर्यै विना महत्पादरजोऽभिषेकम् ॥ ५-१२-१२ ॥ भगवान दुर्लभ हुनुहुन्न तर सन्त दुर्लभ छन् । जुन दिन सन्त मिल्छन्, त्यो दिन लाखौंलाख जिवनको उत्सवमय क्षण हो । किनकी जो खोजेको हो त्यो यति लामो यात्रा पछि आज बल्ल भेटियो । तब डाकु पनि

आदिकवि वाल्मिकि बन्छन् । त्या सैले त तुलसीदास रामचरित मानसमा लेख्नुहुन्छ “ विनु हरि कृपा मिल्हि नहिं सन्ता ” । ज्ञानि जन ता याँहा सम्म भन्छन्की जुन दिन सन्त मिल्छन् त्यो दिन सबै त्यागि देउ र उनको शरणमा जाउ । आफुलाई पुर्ण समर्पण गर । किनभने यो अबसर पुरुषार्थ गरेर अथवा जन्म जन्मान्तर सम्म अरवौ खर्च गरेर पनि पाऽदैन – यो त एउटा जम्का भेट हो, सुवर्ण अवसर हो, जसलाई चेतनशिल विऽान पुरुष हातबाट फुस्कन दिदैनन् । अस्तु ।

पं. तुल्लिस राम शर्मा

Mothers - Mona Pudasaini



Mothers come in all shapes and sizes. My mom is caring and helpful in every way. She helps me with my homework, and my mom sticks up for me when my brother and sister are mean to me. She helps me get better when I am sick or angry. When I am sad she tells me to not be sad. One time, when I was sick she stayed up a whole night to give me medicine.

My mom is very special to me. She buys me things I don't even ask for. A few weeks ago, she said she would buy me a musical instrument for my birthday and the next day at school the band and orchestra teachers came from the junior high! My mom makes me fresh food every day. She is one of a kind!

As you now see, I have the best mom in the world! She's one of a kind, she buys me things I don't ask for, and she's caring, kind and helpful. My mom is unique in many ways. My mom is a very special person and I love her very much!

Mark Your Calendar

June 25th 2011 - 2pm to 6pm - NAC/NRN NCC USA Townhall Meeting , Evanston Public Library

Aug 20th 2011 - Nepali Mela, Harms Wood, Skokie - IL

Sep 2-5th 2011 - ANMA/NASeA Convention in Atlanta Georgia

Best Wishes to our Birthday Stars

June 6: Dibya Phuyal

June 26: Jyoti Adhikary



Submit your birthday information with the pictures by via email to peopleof-nepal@gmail.com by 20th of the month, to be included in our next edition.

Learning our Language - Pratikshiya Pudasaini



I think that we should all speak Nepali at home and elsewhere I think that we should speak Nepali with each other because if we do then we can exclude other people whenever we want, it brings us close to those who share our background

and cultural similarity, and if we don't learn how to speak it now, then in the near future we will have a hard time.

Language is a very important part of culture, identity and family. When people move away from Nepal and to a foreign land, they are tempted to speak the local language instead of Nepali. This makes children to forget or to never learn their mother language. Also, if say a grandparent or another relative who was still living in Nepal came to visit them, they would not be able to communicate with the grandchild because they forgot

or never learned the language. Also, when they go and visit Nepal they would have communication problems because they would not know the language. They would have huge communication problems with relatives and friends since they wouldn't be able to understand each other. But if the children had spoke Nepali at home (unless there was company), and the local language is used outside the house, the children would have benefits like being bilingual and being able to communicate with people who spoke their mother language.

I think that we should all learn how to speak Nepali now because it brings us close to those who share our background and cultural similarity, and if we don't learn how to speak it now, then in the near future we will have a hard time and regret not learning it!

ANMA (Association of Nepalese in Midwest Americas) ViewPoint Quarterly Newsletter

Please submit your article or news/views around your community to the ANMA Secretary - sushishma@gmail.com

OPEN INVITATION

Nepali American Center (NAC)

Cordially Invites You,
Your Family and Friends
to our

3rd Nepali Mela 2011

When: Saturday, August 20, 2011 11:00 AM to 6:00 PM

Where: 5600 Old Orchard Rd, Harms Woods Picnic Area #5, Skokie, Illinois

Main Attractions:

Authentic Nepali Food for Purchase | Live Music | Games | Talent Shows | DJ

Come join us in this social event and get to know the growing Nepali community in the Chicagoland area!

For more information, please send an email to info@nepaliamericancenter.org

or call us at: (773) 800-1622

Fifth Anniversary Puja Event - Saturday June 4, 2011

Upon the arrival of Acharyaji Shree Tulsi Ram Sharma as a priest at Shree RadheShyam Temple in February-March of 2006, we Nepalese living in Chicago area met him and the members of the temple. They asked us to participate in the temple worshipping program and other social activities. As Acharya ji hails from Nepal, we asked the temple to provide us a day in a regular basis to gather and begin religious program following Nepali tradition. Acharya ji was very happy with this proposal and the temple agreed with our request.

Based on our initial discussions, we started regular monthly puja program on Saturday June 3, 2006. Since then we are conducting this puja event without any interruptions. This program consists of worshipping different deities in different month according to the holy Hindu practices. Acharyaji performs the program and everyone participate with devotion and joy. Other highlights of the puja are Acharyaji's pravachan, bhajans, community news events, distribution of Chicago Chautari Times and Prasad. Mostly individual families bring different Prasad – food items cooked at their home for the event.

We are annually celebrating this holy event on the first Saturday of June since then. Local Nepali business owner sponsor Prasad in the annual event and some other times. The cost of running the program and dakchhina for Acharyaji is covered from the free donation from the devotees. So far there is about \$1500 saved from this program.

This unique program performed in USA by Nepalese has also provided us with a place to meet and greet ourselves, acquaint with new friends, unite ourselves for greater cause of building Nepalese society in this country. Most importantly this program has allowed us to walk in the holy path of our great tradition and provided glimpses of the rich religious, social and cultural practice of our country Nepal to our children. This is our fifth anniversary program and we are thankful to the grace of God, Acharya ji and the temple authority for helping us to make this successful.

Lou Malnati Pizzeria



Lou Malnati's Pizzeria is a family owned Chicago style pizza restaurant, headquartered in

Northbrook, Illi-

nois. Lou Malnati started working with his father Rudy around 1940 making deep-dish pizza. Lou made the first Lou Malnati's Pizzeria on March 17, 1971, in Lincolnwood, Illinois. After that restaurant he opened another in Elk Grove Village, Illinois. After Lou Malnati died of cancer in 1978 his wife and sons Marc and Rick took over the business. They also still own and operate it today. Lou Malnati's main competitions are Giordano's Pizza and Gino's East. Now, Lou Malnati's has around 30 stores in the Chicago area and it also participates in the Taste of Chicago and has been active in local charities.

- Pascal Adhikary

Poems by Kashish and Kunjal Bastola



Poem by Kashish Bastola- 7yrs old

Papa

You make me delighted, you are polite.

You are very strong, you are not really wrong

I enjoyed my life with you, it was fun with us two

And Kabya diju and mamu too

Poem by Kunjal Bastola-7yrs old

Dad

You are funny, you play with me when its sunny
You are sports fan, you teach me whenever you can

You are caring, you keep me laughing
I love you, I am happy to have you

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Introducing Ravi K. Bashyal

Ravi K. Bashyal, M.D., son of Mr. Ram Bashyal and Mrs. Niranjana Bashyal, was raised just outside Chicago in Oak Park, IL. He attended the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign on a full academic scholarship, and graduated with honors in 2001 earning his Bachelor of Science degree Phi Beta Kappa, and Magna Cum Laude. He then headed to Philadelphia and the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine, graduating with his M.D. in 2005. Ravi completed his residency training in orthopaedic surgery at the Washington University in St. Louis School of Medicine and Barnes-Jewish Hospital in 2010. Following his graduation from residency, he headed back east to Boston for a one year fellowship in Adult Hip and Knee Reconstruction at Harvard Medical School and the Massachusetts General Hospital.

Ravi has been an active participant in research activities throughout his academic career with multiple publications and book chapters to his credit. Upon completion of his fellowship in 2011, he will be joining the NorthShore University Health System Department of Orthopaedic Surgery in Evanston, IL. Ravi looks forward to returning to his hometown of Chicago and establishing his practice, while continuing on with his academic and research pursuits.